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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) In a motor vehicle which has an internal combustion engine and a vehicle interior, and a cooling circuit for cooling the internal combustion engine and a heating circuit which has at least one heating body for heating the vehicle interior and an electrical first additional heater and a heat source connected to the cooling and/or heating circuit as a second additional heater a method comprising:

operating the electrical first additional heater to heat the vehicle interior;

operating the second additional heater to heat the cooling and/or heating circuit;

and

after the second additional heater is operating, switching off or turning down the electrical first additional heater.

2. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat source is in the form of an exhaust-gas heat exchanger.

3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the exhaust-gas heat exchanger is arranged between the internal combustion engine and the heating body in the heating circuit [(6)].

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4. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat source is in the form of a visco heater.

5. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the visco heater is arranged upstream of the heating body in the heating circuit.

6. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat source is in the form of a fuel heater.

7. (New) In a motor vehicle comprising:
an internal combustion engine;
a vehicle interior;
a cooling circuit for cooling the internal combustion engine;
at least one heating body for heating air flowing into the vehicle interior;
an electrical additional heater for heating the air flowing into the vehicle interior;
a heating circuit containing a fluid to which a first heat is applied at the internal combustion engine, the heating circuit being in fluid communication with the at least one heating body, wherein the at least one heating body provides sufficient heat to heat the vehicle interior when the at least one heating body has a first temperature; and
a non-electrical additional heater for selectively adding a second heat to the heating circuit in addition to the first heat,
a method of heating the vehicle interior upon starting the internal combustion engine when the at least one heating body has a temperature less than said first

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temperature comprising:

starting the internal combustion engine;

operating the electrical additional heater to heat the air flowing into the vehicle interior;

while the internal combustion engine and electrical additional heater are operating, operating the non-electrical additional heater to add the second heat to the heating circuit; and

when the heating body reaches the first temperature, switching off or turning down the electrical additional heater.

8. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the non-electric additional heater comprises an exhaust-gas heat exchanger.

9. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the exhaust-gas heat exchanger is arranged in the heating circuit between the internal combustion engine and the heating body.

10. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the non-electric additional heater comprises a visco heater.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the visco heater is arranged in the heating circuit upstream of the heating body.

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12. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the non-electric additional heater comprises a fuel combustion heater.